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LOAN TO FARMER
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set and achieved for the disbursement of loan to farmers during the last three years;

(b) the amount of loan to farmers disbursed and written off by Public Sector Banks during the last three years, State-wise, bank-wise;

(c) whether the percentage of loan to the farmers has been decreased during the said period;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government has conducted any study to analyse the reasons in this regard;

(f) if so, the outcome thereof;

(g) whether the loan to farmers has been decreased as the bank are investing in share market;

(h) if so, the details thereof alongwith the amount invested by PSB in the share market during the last three years, bank-wise; and

(i) the steps being taken by the Government to enhance loan to the farmers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) : The details of targets set and achieved for the disbursement of loan to farmers during the years 2004-05 to 2007-08 are as follows:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Target	Achievements
2004-05	1,04,500	1,25,306
2005-06	1,41,000	1,80,486
2006-07	1,75,000	2,29,400
2007-08	2,25,000	1,62,701#

Provisional figures upto December, 2007

(b) : The details of loan disbursed to farmers by Public Sector Banks (PSBs) during the last three years, State-wise, Bank-wise are at Annex.-I and Annex.-II respectively.

Data reporting System of Reserve Bank of India does not generate data regarding loans written off by PSBs to farmers.

(c) : No, Sir.

(d) to
(i) : Do not arise.